Grants to minority educational institutions

4634. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of minorities run educational institutions, aided by Government, during the last two years, year-wise; and

(b) the names of institutions and amount granted annually to them, during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) (a) and (b) Such information is not maintained Centrally in this Ministry.

Cost of higher education in Himachal Pradesh

4635. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that higher education is getting out of reach of poor and lower sections of society in Himachal Pradesh in the far flung areas of the State;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to take any concrete steps in this regards; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government, in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, is taking all steps for promotion of higher education, including increasing access to the disadvantaged.